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Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" May I ask whether it is laid down in the rules anywhere that, if the prisoners refused to move, they should be handcuffed?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— " No laying down of any rule is necessary. It is commonsense to guard against prisoners escaping."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" When the prisoners refuse to movê, is it commonsense that the prisoners should be handcuffed?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— " I have nothing to add to what I have already said."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—" If the prisoners are unable to move, what is the use of handcuffing them?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— " There was a big crowd and it was necessary to secure the prisoners."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—" Is it because of the crowd they were handcuffed?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— " The prisoners had a chance of escaping from custody."

Date of the addendum to the extract from the Police Gazette *regarding the use of lathis.*

* 11 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: With reference to the answer to question No. 1254, answered on 24th March 1932, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state the date on which the addition of the last paragraph beginning with " add the following at the end of the section, etc." restricting the scope of the main body of instructions to formidable mobs, was made in the *Police Gazette*, dated the 2nd August 1930?

A.—6th February 1932.

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—" May I know whether it is not a fact that till the 6th of February 1932, when the amendment was made, the order of the Government to use minimum force was not given effect to and the order of the Inspector-General of Police, as contained in the *Police Gazette* to use maximum force and that on the face and neck and head was in continuance?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— " The order was there, but it was not put to any practical use."

Prisons and Prisoners

Proposed shifting of the office of the Inspector-General of Prisons to Madras.

* 12 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal before the Government to shift the office of the Inspector-General of Prisons to Madras; and

(*b*) if so, when the Government propose to give effect to the same?